

Du Decembre 2004.

Du BUREAU du PRÉSIDENT, from the Prefident's Defk

I would like to thank everyone for a fantastic 2004 Campaign season. I know it was a wet season, but overall I believe that everyone had a great year. It's now time to settle into winter camp. We have several drills and work parties planned for the winter season. Currently we have drills schedule for every second Saturday at the Stow Town hall, thanks to Dave Walrath. The drills will be held from 10:30am to 12:00pm. Please make sure to bring your hat, musket and cartridge box. If there is no snow on the ground, I would like for us to drill outside and work on marching and maneuvers; so dress warmly! During the Dec 11th Drill we will also be holding another Distaff Gathering in the down stairs section of the hall. Please bring along any projects you would like to work on or just come for a chat. Speaking of projects, Bill Rose will be hosting work parties at his house on the second Tuesday of every month, plan on bringing any projects you would like to work on or just bring yourself and we will put you to work...

For those who did not make the Regimental Meeting on November 13, I would like to briefly recap some items that were discussed. The regiment is forming a nominating committee for the elections to be held in February. If you are interested in being on this committee, please contact Abe. The committee needs to be formed no later then January 1^{st} – so don't delay! We are also looking for someone to volunteer as the distaff coordinator. This position is open to anyone in the regiment who would be willing to help coordinate Distaff Gatherings like the one held before the November 13 meeting and this month during the December 11 drill. If you are interested please contact me or Steven.

I would also like to remind everyone about the Continental Line Meeting, taking place on January 22, 2005. A few of us will be making the journey south and if you are interested and learning about the workings of this group, please let me or Steven know. Lastly, I

would like to remind everyone that at the February meeting we will be voting on the Membership Proposal that the Board of Directors have put together. The proposal has been included in this issue of the newsletter. Please review the proposal and be ready to discuss and vote on it in February.

I look forward to seeing everyone real soon!

Your Humble Servant, Dana Rock, Président Régiment de SaintOnge

Le RAPPORT du CAPITAINE, Captain's Report

Framingham on the Sudbury

As we begin to settle into winter camp we now look toward the coming years. As we stated at the Regimental meeting, we have quite a few events coming up for next year and the year following to support the Yorktown 225th.

Thanks to everyone who made it to the Regimental meeting and drill. Despite the snow (with the weather this year it was appropriate) we had a really good turn out. It was good to see all the new folks in the room – I hope the trend continues! While the Line was drilling before the meeting, the ladies tried on and cut out caps. Hopefully we'll be doing more of these activities for the distaff throughout the year.

Thanks to the folks who came to Plymouth and to Les for organizing the event and Carrie for keeping us fed and warm. The folks at Plymouth liked what they saw and would like us to come back next year. Like the week prior, the Line drilled and maneuvered with ease and looked fantastic. The abbreviated encampment seemed to work well and caught passersby's attention – which was the goal. Jeanne and Sherry were shutterbugging through the event, so we should have some great pictures. It was good to see Dan and Judy with their surgeon and herbalist impression as well. Now about that heated tent...

For the coming month, we have a drill planned for Saturday, December 11 at 10:30 AM. Currently it is planned for the Stow's Old Town Hall – call me (508.877.9648) for cancellation info if Mother Nature wreaks havoc on New England...

For 2005, the Continental Line annual meeting is planned for January instead of February. I know that there were some questions regarding upcoming events for 2005 that had not been finalized. At the CL meeting we'll learn the final schedule. The major event that was in the air was Whitpain – at this meeting we'll find out if it is a go or not.

Nominations for staff for the coming season are being worked through. Thanks for Abe for taking the lead or this and to Carrie and Sue for volunteering to be part of the team. If you are interested in a position or would like to help with the nominations, please let Abe know.

Finally, the winter season is where we work on honing our impression. Bill Rose has taken the lead on organizing work parties for the coming year. They will mostly be at his place in Berlin, but may also be at my place or sundry other locations. Tuesdays are looking pretty good – mark the second Tuesday of the month in your calendars. Bring your projects and show up for a workparty!

Again, thanks for a great year and looking forward to the next!

Pour le Roi et le Régiment, Steven



LES ÉVÉNEMENTS PROCHAINS, Upcoming Events

DRILL & DISTAFF GATHERING, Saturday, December 11. ~ Arrival: Drill & distaff gathering will begin at 10:30am. It will be 90 minutes long so please try to arrive on time. Directions : We'll be at the Old Town Hall in Stow, MA – many thanks to Dave Walrath for securing the location. Old Town Hall is on Route 117 in Stow, one block west of the intersection of Routes 117 & 62. There is limited parking on the street; additional parking is available at

the "new" Town Hall directly across the street. From the East: Take Rt. 117(W) to Rt. 62 (Stow Ctr.); Old Town Hall is on the right, one block west of the Rt. 117/62 intersection. From the West: Take I-495 to Rt. 117 (E) -Old Town Hall is about 8 miles on your left, just before the Rt. 62 intersection. From the South: Take Rt. 62(E) to Route 117; turn right and it will be one block on your right. From the North, take Rt. 2 or Rt. 111 to Rt 62(W); take Rt. 62 to Rt. 117 and turn right for one block. Details: A dual purpose meeting time from 10:30 -12:00 will give every member a reason to go out into the cold on this December Saturday! For the soldats - the French Drill will be worked on during this time, so please remember to bring cartridge box, musket & hat. If the weather looks good, the drill will take place out doors – so keep that in mind when getting dressed... you might want those regimentals if the weather is chilly enough! For the distaff members of the regiment – we'll be meeting indoors for another gathering. The caps and bonnets (and their corresponding patterns) will be available again for trying-on and copying. But don't think you need to be a sewer to come to the gathering! Just bring yourself and any project you'd like to work on or maybe a book you'd like to recommend or even just your knack for conversation! This is a great chance to get to know your fellow distaff members a bit better and to ask questions and share ideas about projects and upcoming events. Coffee & tea will be available for all hope to see you there! If the weather is nasty - call Steven at 508.877.9648 for any change or cancellation info.

REGIMENTAL WORKPARTY, Tuefday, *December 14.* ~ Arrival : Doors open at 7pm. Folks are invited to stay until 9pm. Directions : Bill & Cori Rose will be opening their home to us for the evening. Their address is 36 Rocky Dundee Road in Bolton and the phone number is 978.779.5488. (Editor's note: These directions are my best recollection on how to get to Bill's – if you haven't been there before, please email the list to verify the directions) The best route to Bill's house is from Route 495. From Route 495, take Exit 27 (Route 117) and head west on Route 117 into Bolton. In Bolton center, at the blinking light, take a left onto Watoquodoc Road. You will pass Nashoba Valley Winery and Orchards on your left. Take your next left onto Old Bay Road - it's a sharp turn and easy to miss. Follow Old Bay Road to the end and take a right. You will pass Rocky Dundee Farm (or something with a similar name) and the road will end a bit further ahead at a dead end/dirt path. Take a left turn immediately before the dead end. Follow the road around the island and continue straight on the far side. Bill's house is the large colonial on a slight rise - #36. Details: Bill Rose is generously offering his home for a series of winter workparties over the coming months. They will be held on the second Tuesday of each month, from approximately 7pm to 9pm – any changes will be published to the email list and in upcoming newsletters. Bring whatever project you are currently working on – cartridge boxes, gaiters, hats, musket repairs, leatherwork or sewing – whatever could use a few more hours of work! It's a great chance to get a bit accomplished and enjoy the company of fellow members, as well as get to know new friends! Hope to see many people there – call Bill, Steven or Dana with questions.



LES ÉVÉNEMENTS RÉALISÉS, Paft Events

DE PLYMOUTH, 20 Novembre. This annual event is locally known as "America's Hometown Thanksgiving Celebration" and was held this year on Friday Nov 19th and Saturday Nov 20th (this event is always scheduled for the weekend before the Thanksgiving holiday). We were first approached to participate a year ago by Plymouth at the Sudbury Colonial Faire in September of 2003. The timing was such that we could not commit to participating so soon for that November, but we mutually agreed to contact each other the following spring and discuss the feasibility of the 85th de SaintOnge participating in next year's celebration.

Lynda Brown, the Assistant Event Director contacted me early in 2004 and so we were able to vote on Plymouth as a unit event during our annual Regimental Meeting on March 6th, to not only march in the Plymouth parade, but to also set up a military encampment and provide a living history demonstration to the public during the course of the day.

On Saturday, November 20th, we were assigned an area directly along the historic waterfront that was only a minute's walk from the Plymouth Rock Memorial. To the left of our camp was the Chowderfest Fest tent, where from between 11:30 am and 3:00 pm, you could sample the best clam chowder from twelve local restaurants for the price of \$7.00 (children under 6 were free). I never made it there, but Dan & Judy Grillo had the opportunity to sample the chowder and told me later that it was worth the price. Also right next to our location was a large heated tent where you could find sutler Steve Pano and his wares along side Steve Spaulding ("Big Bear") with all of his accoutrements for sale. Wedged in between the two Steve's was our own Dan & Judy Grillo set up with their field hospital dispensing the best medicine that the 18th C could offer to the public that passed through their tent. As the afternoon wore on, and the temperatures dropped from the high 40s to the high 30s with a crisp wind off the water, that heated tent became a very popular destination for us to take off the November chill.

The plan was to set up camp on Saturday starting no later than 8am, and we were pretty much on schedule. By 9am, we had the kitchen fly set up along with the officer's marquis and two wegde tents. Luckily Steve and Dana also made provisions to set up a campfire and had brought firewood with them. This worked out well, as the fire helped to keep us warm later that day (psychologically anyways), but also served as a magnet for the public, who followed the sweet smell of burning firewood, to see "what was cooking".

The parade itself was scheduled to step off at 11am and we were told to be at the assembly area no later than 10:30 am. Problem was that the streets had been closed off in preparation for the parade, and we missed our window of opportunity to drive over to the starting point. So we grabbed our gear, began our mile and a half trek, on foot, to the parade muster area. Unfortunately, I had the only map so I was elected the "guide" to get us there. All worked out well, but there were a few moments of indecision on my part, that were quickly remedied by Abe reminding me that I was paying for the cab fare to get all of us to the starting point. We did arrive at the assembly area for Division Two by 10:45 am. Whew...

The parade consisted of 5 divisions with 15 groups per division, so this was a sizeable event. In our division, the Sudbury Ancient Fyfe & Drum were the first unit (we were #6). Directly behind us, was a replica of the Bushnell submarine, the "Turtle", from the Revolutionary War, was mounted on a flat bed. The sub was a working replica and had actually been floated at the US Naval Academy. Also assigned to our division, were the Lexington Minutemen, the 16th Queen Light Dragoons and the Colonial Navy Fyfe & Drum.

The wait for the parade step-off was a short one, and by 11:20 or so, we were on our way. For muskets we had Abe Fischer, Bill Rose, Adam Carriere, Carl Hutchinson, Ellie Hutchinson and myself. Dana Rock was both officer and drapeau. Steven Taskovics and Beth Humphreys were our musicians. Supporting us as distaff we had Sue Felshin, Wendy Humphreys, Lauren Walker and "Zeeva", the wonder dog. Back at the encampment, Carrie Midura was preparing the nooning along with Jeanne Malecki and Sherry Schneller, who were also working with Klaus Schneller in providing living history to the public as they came through our camp.

When the parade got under way, it was partly sunny and in the mid 40s, perfect for marching the mile and a half route. We proceeded south down Court St (Rt. 3A) to a fairly substantial crowd along the entire parade route. Although we did not have a drummer, between Abe's commands and our two fifers, we were able to stay in step smartly, even when we were re-loading on the move. Steven and Beth did a great job with the music by playing constantly during the entire parade. This also pleased the folks watching us, as many times they applauded us as we passed by them. Eventually we turned east on Water St, just before our encampment area, and we were greeted with a huge American flag (50 x 30) that was stretched over Water St. just before the reviewing stand. We stopped and fired our 18th and final volley just before passing under the flag and then "eves right" as we marched before the Reviewing Stand. The official parade route ended just past the reviewing stand, se we cleared our muskets and returned to camp, which was now only a minute away.

For the nooning that followed the parade, Carrie had prepared a hot vegetable stew, a ham relish, homemade bread and mulled cider. This fare, coupled with the other breads and deserts that Jeanne, Sherry, Lauren and Elizabeth Mees brought along... did not let us go hungry by any means. Shortly after we ate, we had the unexpected pleasure of Matthew & Elizabeth Mees plus their two daughters, Eleanor and Madeline, joining our encampment. During the course of the afternoon we also ran across Dave and Martha Walrath and their two children, who were there helping Big Bear in his sutlery. Steven held two drills, at 1:30 pm and again at 2:30 pm for the public to view and we also finished off the rest of the powder that we had opened for the parade.

By 3:30 pm, the crowds were thinning and skies had become overcast. This coupled with cold air coming off the water, we declared discretion the better part of valor and we started to break camp. Within the hour, we had all the tents put away with kitchen gear packed and stored. (Steven, how do you get all that stuff in your car?)

All in all, it was good day. We got to march and fire, met old friends, made new friends, and brought a bit of history to the crowds that passed through our camp.

PS....we've already been invited by Plymouth to return in 2005. "Vive le Roi"

Humbly submitted, Les Malecki



MEMBERSHIP PROPOSAL for Saintonge/Fourth Middlefex

1. Active Membership

Summary:

Before anyone can participate in a public event as a member or guest of Saintonge/4th Middlesex they must sign the Roll. This is so a formal list of membership can be generated for insurance purposes. For minor children, a legal guardian has to sign. The Roll will be carried to events for people to Sign. If you are already a member, all you have to do is sign the Roll once per Membership year. Guests must sign the Roll but they are considered a guest/member only for that event.

Specifics:

• No member may participate in a Public Event as a member of Saintonge/4th Middlesex unless they are an Active Member (whether Annual or Temporary Active Member). An Active Member is a member who has signed the Roll and whose Signature remains current.

• The Roll Signature of an Annual Active Member remains Current from the time it is signed until the close of the next Annual Voting Meeting (traditionally held in February).

• The Roll Signature of a Temporary Active Member (guest of the unit) remains Current from the time it is Signed until the close of the event at which it is Signed.

- Signing the Roll:
 - A person who is on the unit roster as of the Annual Meeting in February 2005 may Sign the Roll at a future event in order to become an Annual Active Member. If the Roll is not present at an event, a Substitute Roll must be provided by the officer in charge of the event (or his/her designee) and can be signed instead.
 - A person who has been an Annual Active Member the unit in the past may Sign the Roll as above.
 - A person who is not on the unit roster as of Meeting in February 2005 and who has not been an Annual Active Member in the past may Sign the Roll as above; the Signature is valid for the duration for the event and qualifies the Signer as

a Temporary Active Member, but does not qualify the signer as an Annual Active Member unless and until such is approved by the Board.

2. The Roll

The Regiment will provide the official book to act as our Roll. This should be present at all official Regimental events.

If an event occurs and the official Roll is not present then members can sign a Substitute Roll (back of a napkin or leftover cartridge paper or something). The Substitute Roll should then be placed in the official Roll. It is the responsibility of the officer in charge of the Roll to ensure that any signatures signed on a Substitute Roll are placed in the Official Roll.

Members should sign the official Roll but a signature on a Substitute Roll is considered binding.

When a Temporary Active Member signs, the officer should put a note in the margin so that we can tell guests from members.

The Roll will be brought to the annual voting meeting, so that people can sign there for the year.

3. Definition of a Member

• An Inactive Member is a member of the unit who is not an Active Member. An Inactive Member may not participate in Public Events but retains all other rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a Member of the Unit. Note that at their discretion, officers of the unit may not allow Inactive Members to participate in certain activities such as non-public firing.

• A Field Member is a member who is permitted to "take the field" (participate in military activities); that is, who has been passed off by the appropriate Field Officers and/or NCOs. A Field Member must be an Active Member.

• An Inactive Member's membership Lapses under circumstances which have not been decided at this point. After their membership Lapses, the person becomes a Former Member.

• Any member, whether Active, Inactive, or Former, may be Dismissed from the unit for Cause. Specifics of Cause, and of who judges Cause, have not been decided at this point. • Any member of the unit whose membership Lapses, and who thus becomes a Former Member, loses all rights, privileges, and responsibilities of a Member of the Unit, except that they may rejoin the unit as an Annual Active Member simply by Signing the Roll without also being approved by the Board.

• The board or officers can vote persons they choose to be Members Emeritus, which means that they stay Inactive Members indefinitely. This is an Honorary position.

-- End of Membership Proposal --

The above proposal will be discussed and voted on at the February 2005 Annual Meeting. Comments, suggestions and questions should be addressed to the board.



TWELFTH NIGHT BALL

The Sudbury Companie of Militia and Minute

Cordially invites you and your guests to our

<u>Twelfth Night Ball</u> <u>At the Wayside Inn, Sudbury,</u> <u>Massachusetts</u> Friday, January 14th at 8:00 p.m.



Musick and Contra Dance calling by Yankee Ingenuity Be our King and Queen by finding the magic bean hidden in the cake !

Join us in the Traditional Flag Changing Ceremony

Toast the passing Winter Solstice with Meeting House Punch!

> \$36.00 per couple/ \$18.00 per person at the door

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Reservations for dinner at the Inn may be made by calling (978) 443.1776

If you have any questions, please contact Col. Les Malecki at (508) 393.9297 or Imalecki@charter.net



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

THANK YOU – Many thanks to Jeanne Malecki for providing many of the pictures provided in this month's newsletter. Additional thanks are extended to Les Malecki his entertaining event reviews. Thank you to everyone for volunteering their time! Lots of filler is needed for the winter issues – articles, photos, recipes – anything you have to send would be wonderful! Additional submissions will be gratefully received at gazettefrancoise@earthlink.net.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – The drill and distaff gathering next month will take place on January 8 and will be at the Old Town Hall in Stow, MA once again. The time is the same – 10:30 to noon. Ideas for discussion topics and projects for the distaff gathering are requested – speak up if you have any suggestions!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – Abe Fisher has generously volunteered his services to head up the nominating committee for the 2005 slate of elected officers. Anyone wishing to help out as a fellow member of the nominating committee is asked to contact Abe at <u>AbeFisher@earthlink.net</u>. If you are interested in running for one of the elected positions, please let Abe know. Questions and comments may be directed to Abe or current members of the board.

MCV CHRISTMAS CONCERT – Middlesex County Volunteers Fife and Drum Corp will return to Concord for an exciting Christmas concert once again this December. Performing pieces from their excellent On Christmas Day holiday recording – this is a great way to get in the spirit of the season! The concert will take place at 2:00pm on Sunday, December 12 at the Performing Arts Center at 51 Walden Street in Concord, MA. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$12 for students or seniors. Seating is Boston Pops style with tables of four throughout the hall. Tickets can be purchase online at www.mcvfifesanddrums.org. It was a fabulous show last year - don't miss it this time around! For those that can't make the concert – the recording is also available for purchase through the same website. If you thought fife and drum was for the field... you are in for a surprise!





In recognition of the 225th anniversary of the year 1779, as it relates to the American War for Independence, the above print is included for your enjoyment. The original print measures 25.2 by 31.3 centimeters. Entitled *LES ANGLOIS MOLESTE ET CHATIEES*, this etching was printed and hand-colored in France in 1779. The legend below the print explains the relevant points of the artwork. According to the Library of Congress, this print shows 1. a beaming sun with fleur-de-lis shining on 2. a man who resembles George Washington, wearing military uniform and hat labeled "Congress" and "Washington", holding a raised lash in his right hand and chains in his left hand which are attached to 3. an Englishman, 4. a Scottish woman, and 5. an Irish soldier who are also struck by flashes of lightning emenating from dark clouds around the sun. On the left, lightning strikes two British ships foundering in stormy seas, one flying a flag in distress mode. The full French text of the legend is as follows:

1. Le Soleil de la France éclairant l'Amérique et Foudroïant la Grande Bretagne, 2. Un Anglois Américain Fustigeant ses anciens Freres devenus ses escla, 3. Un Anglois, 4. Un Ecossoise, 5. Un Irlandois,

Toi qui veux tout soumettre à ton joug dépostique, Crains jusques au soleil, nation britannique! De tes Vents orageux les soufflés empestées, Vont accable enfin tes peoples molestés.

This print is in the collections of the Library of Congress. You can learn more about this print and others like it at the Library of Congress website: <u>www.loc.gov</u>. The call number for this print is PC 5 -177.



GALERIE des IMAGES, Picture Gallery



November 2004-Plymouth, Maffachufetts



November 2004-Plymouth, Maffachufetts

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The events listed below are the official schedule for 2004 - as approved by the membership at the annual meeting. Questions and suggestions may be directed to members of the BOD. It should be a great year !

Date	Unit	Event
Feb 7	All	Work Party at the Rose's Bolton, MA
Feb 17	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Berlin, MA
Feb 28	Distaff	Fabric Shopping Road Trip TBA
Mar 6	All	Regimental Annual Meeting Berlin, MA
Mar 6	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Berlin, MA
Mar 20	Music	Freezer Jam Michigan
Mar 26	Distaff	Movie Night Framingham, MA
Apr 17	4th	Battle Road/Hartwell Tavern Event Lincoln, MA
May 1 - 2	85e	Revolutionary War Weekend Sutton, MA
May 15	Music	Williamsburg Fife & Drum Program Williamsburg, VA
May 18	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Northborough, MA
May 30	85e	Memorial Day Parade Somerville, MA
May 31	85e	Memorial Day Parade Andover, MA
May 31	85e	Memorial Day Parade Medford, MA
Jun 5	4th	Rum & Revolution (optional) Weston, MA
Jun 8	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Berlin, MA
Jun 20	All	Trailer Work Party Framingham, MA
Jun 25 - 27	85e	La Kermesse Franco-Americaine Festival Biddeford, ME

Jul 1	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Northborough, MA
Jul 11	All	Punch, Potluck & Pool Party Framingham, MA
Jul 31 Aug 1	85e	À l'Assaut de la Capitale! Québec City, Québec, Canada
Aug 28- 29	4th	225th Anniversary of Newtown, NY Elmira, NY
Sep 2	BOD	BOD & Officers Meeting Framingham, MA
Sep 6	85e	Marlborough Labor Day Parade, Marlborough, MA
Sep 6	All	Regimental Birthday & Cookout Northborough, MA
Sep 18 - 19	85e	2MA/DAL Anniversary Encampment Danvers, MA
Sep 25	85e	Colonial Faire & Muster Sudbury, MA
Oct 8-10	85e	225th Anniversary -Siege of Savannah Savannah, GA
Nov 13	All	Pizza Party & Annual Meeting (12-3) Berlin, MA
Nov 14	4th	Harvest Fair (optional) Weston, MA
Nov 20	85e	Military Timeline Plymouth, MA
Dec 14	All	Workparty at the Rose's (7-9) Bolton, MA

EXERCICES et PRATIQUES, Drills & Practices

Date	Unit	Event
Jan 10	85e	French Drill (10-12) - Stow Town Hall , no musicians
Feb 7	85e	French Drill (10:30-12:30) Stow Town Hall, Stow, MA
Mar 6	85e	French Drill (10-12) Berlin, MA
Apr 3	All	Drill (11-1) – Stow Town Hall Stow, MA
Jun 5	All	French Drill (10-12) - Golden Ball Tavern Weston, MA
Nov 13	All	French Drill & Distaff Workparty (10-12) Berlin, MA
Dec 11	85e	French Drill & Distaff Gathering (10:30-12) Old Town Hall, Stow MA



Keeping the food & fire hot to help take the chill out of the day! November 2004 – Plymouth, Maffachufetts

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